

for his living. In 1929 he and his wife moved to Pleasant Grove to retire, though they did engage in the chicken business there for a time.

After his wife's death in 1944 Gottlieb engaged in genealogical and temple work and was very faithful in this endeavor.

Children of Gottlieb and Louisa included:

Ida, died
Karl, died
Clara, married to Oscar Young Giles
Walter, married Wilma Witt
Leda, died
Morris, married Ruth Smith
Arnold, died
Alonzo, died
Emery Grant, married Lynile Ash.

GOTTFRIED BUHLER AND LOUISA BARBEN BUHLER



Gottfried Buhler, son of Ulrich Buhler and Anna Burgdorffer Buhler. Born October 28, 1854, Gunten, Lake of Thun, Canton Bern, Switzerland.

Married Louisa Barben December 9, 1880, Salt Lake Endowment House.

Died November 1, 1935, in Midway.

Louisa Barben, daughter of Jacob Barben and Susan Burgener Barben.

Born January 1, 1865, in Bern, Switzerland.

Died January 24, 1914, in Midway.

Gottfried Buhler lived with his parents in the little town of Gunten until 1860 when his father sold all his holdings and began preparations to emigrate to Utah. However, when the President of the Swiss-German mission learned that the elder Buhler was planning to leave Switzerland, he told him he must remain for he was needed in leadership there.

Ulrich Buhler had already sold his possessions, but heeded counsel and soon con-

tacted a convert to the church, Christian Burger. He arranged to buy the small Burger farm about 15 miles from their previous holdings.

The Buhler family was somewhat dissatisfied with the new farm, as they had left a comfortable three-story home, and were now living in a stable. But they had faith, and for 12 years remained in Switzerland leading the people and converting many hundreds more to the gospel.

By the time the family was ready to emigrate, young Gottfried had completed his schooling. They left Switzerland in June of 1872 and arrived in Salt Lake City July 4, about 9 o'clock in the evening.

They stayed for about 10 days in Cottonwood with the Christian Burgers. While there, Gottfried and Chris Burger walked up through the Canyon into Midway where some of his father's brothers resided. Gottfried was impressed with the area, and the next day went with his father to the area. They later made arrangements to move to Midway, moving into a little log house belonging to a man named Moser.

Gottfried in the meantime secured work, even though only 17, with a company building a railroad through American Fork Canyon. One Sunday the sawmill where he had his bedding burned down, and he was forced to return to Midway. It was dark when he got to the head of the canyon, and he became lost in the tops of the mountains. While lost he had a miraculous experience and was safely rescued through the inspiration of the Lord.

Following this he went to Murray and obtained work at a German smelter being constructed there. He worked there for some two years, and then in 1875 went to Eureka City, Nevada, and then on to a ranch at Duckwater, Nevada. He returned home during the summer, and went again the next winter to Duckwater. The following winter he worked at Park City, where he labored until 1880. That year he married Louisa Barben and moved into a one-room home he had built two years previous.

The summer following his marriage he added two more rooms, and made new furniture. After his marriage he remained at home and began farming 26 acres. He also did carpenter work in his spare time.

In 1888 he was called to serve as a missionary in Switzerland. He and his wife had three children, Frank, William and Jo-

seph. Before he left, Frank died of pneumonia, but on Oct. 10, 1888, he left for the mission field. He labored in Switzerland, and then later went to Munich, Germany, where he enjoyed a successful mission.

Returning home he was instrumental in organizing a branch of German and Swiss speaking people in Midway. They would attend the regular Sunday School, and then hold a meeting, speaking only German. Then they would attend the regular Sacrament meeting in an effort to learn the English language.

Traveling to Cache Valley, Gottfried learned the cheese business, and returned to Midway to build the first creamery in the county. He taught his boys the trade, and their cheeses won many prizes at the state fair. He also owned a general store and built the first public bath house.

Gottfried remained faithful to the Church throughout his life. He held the office of a Seventy at the time of his death. He loved music and played the organ, harmonica and accordion.

Louisa Buhler was loved by the people who knew her. She was shy and retiring. She was devoted to her children.

She excelled in sewing and cooking. She was hospitable and very kind. She fed everyone who visited at her home. She sent food to the sick and the needy. She had a cheerful, pleasant disposition. She was thoughtful of her friends and neighbors and loved her family with a great devotion.

Children of Gottfried and Louisa Barben Buhler include:

Frank, died at the age of three
William J., married to Rachel Wilson
Joseph, married to Hazel Jones
Alma, married to Hazel Loveridge
Adeline Louise (Ardell), married to Dean Clyde
Francis, married to Louise Griner
Ephraim, married to Dora Hunt
Roland, married to Florence Hasler
Orson, married to Emma McCallister
Bernice, married to Lynn McDonald
Veste, married to John Routh
Thurman, married to Faye Bronson.

